



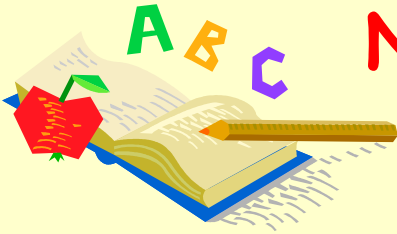
# FIRST GRADE



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## Mrs. Platter's Classroom Newsletter



### Reading

We reviewed Jj and Uu. We worked on learning to read words with the ing, ab, ob, and ut keys. The "circle words" that we learned are **could, friends, new, use, gives, night, ask, out, and people**. Please continue to practice reading the key story each week. You have been doing a great job practicing and returning the reading series stories. I'm seeing some amazing progress with fluency and expression! This week's story was "Boots For Beth". We will continue this story into next week since it is a short week.

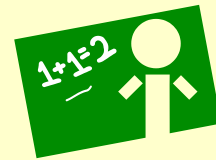
**A Look Ahead...** Next week our keys will be un and ink. Our circle words will be **says, when, your, eat and from**.

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### Math



This week, we continued to practice addition and subtraction. We are working on paying attention to the "sign" in the problem and knowing which operation to choose. We took our addition/subtraction test and began preparing for our math 1<sup>st</sup> advisory benchmark

\* Next week: Addition strategies to help increase speed and accuracy when working problems.

### Enrichment Time News



Our focus was "Changes over time" (Soc. St. SOL 1.1). We talked about how we have changed. I shared pictures of how I have changed over time. We all had a GOOD LAUGH! We compared schools long ago with schools today. We also looked at changes in technology. They were amazed to find out that I didn't have Play Station, a computer, or a microwave when I was a little girl! It makes you wonder what they will tell their children about what they didn't have...

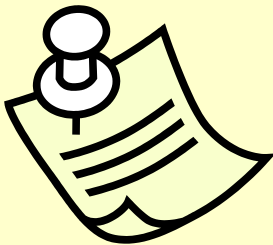
Essential vocabulary: past/present/future

## Let's Celebrate!

I'm so impressed with how well the children are doing with their cursive writing. When practicing at home, be sure to refer to the handwriting language of instruction sent home earlier this year.

### Reminders to Students

- Practice your "circle words"!
- Read EVERY NIGHT!
- Clean out your book bags every evening.
- Practice your kindergarten "no excuses" words. Everyone should have mastered those by now! We will start our 1<sup>st</sup> grade list very soon!



### Reminders to Parents

1. The weather is getting colder. Please send a jacket or sweatshirt with your child for recess. We will go out! I'm a cold weather lover!
2. Don't forget to listen to your child read his/her story and practice the word slides. Initial them and send them back to school!
3. Please help your child remember to return his/her homework every Friday. Good homework habits need to begin early!

## Conferences

Conferences have been set up for Monday and Tuesday next week. I have a lot of information to share with you and only 15 minute blocks to accomplish this goal. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE ON TIME. If one conference is late getting started, it backs up the whole day!

### Upcoming Events

- November 5<sup>th</sup> Move your clocks back when you go to bed!
- November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> No school/conferences
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Report cards go home
- November 16<sup>th</sup> Field trip to see "The Little Red Hen"
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> Early Release/Thanksgiving vacation

## Accelerated Reader

You need 5 points to get on each of the first four levels. Each book that the children read is usually worth  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a point. It usually takes about 10 books to make it depending on how well they do on the quizzes.

It is a fun, reading incentive program. It is not counted as part of your child's reading grade.